

without suspecting that he could understand their language, he was so affected with their situation that he was obliged to turn aside and weep in secret, before he could speak to them with composure.

Having collected his spirits, he ordered one of the men to be detained in prison, and bound with chains; while the rest should go back to their own land, with a sufficient quantity of corn for their present wants, and to return with their youngest brother Benjamin as soon as convenient; promising, that upon their return, Simeon who was to be detained, should be released. Accordingly, their sacks were filled, and they returned home.

CHAP. XI.

The Return of Jacob's Sons to their Father, &c.

HAVING laden their beasts with the sacks of corn, they left Egypt, and proceeded homewards. But the reader ought to be informed here, that Joseph had privately ordered the men who filled their sacks, to put each man's money, which he had paid for the corn, into the mouth of the sack. Perhaps he intended by this, merely to relieve their want of food, without making them any poorer than they were. When they had gone a considerable way, and stopped at an inn to refresh themselves and their beasts, one of them opened his sack to take out some corn, and behold! he found his money enclosed in the top of the sack. At this unexpected adventure they were filled with surprize, and much more so when they found that it was the same with every one's sack,

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